

REMARKS

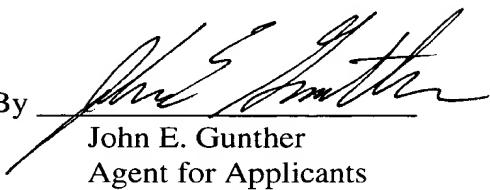
Claims 1 – 14 are presently pending. Claims 1 – 4, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lipchak *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,253,033), hereinafter ‘Lipchak’. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lipchak in view of Inoue (U.S. Patent No. 4,971,413), Kramer (U.S. Patent No. 4,973,112) and Budd (U.S. Patent No. 4,963,900). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lipchak. Claims 7 – 9 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11 and 12 were allowed.

The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. By this Amendment, the limitations of Claim 7 have been added to Claims 1, 13 and 14. Claims 5 – 7 have been canceled. Inasmuch as no objection to Claims 7 – 9 under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph, was set forth in the Office Action, Claims 1 – 4, 8 – 10, 13 and 14 should now be allowable.

Accordingly, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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